THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY FO PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLIMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. A proposal for reconstituting the Island Development Authority with revised composition is under consideration and it is expected that the reconstituted IDA would meet shortly.

(d) Does not apply.

Phased Manufacturing programme for Drug Companies

193. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the phased manufacturing programme has not been adhered to by several drug manufacturing companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). Under the provisions of the Drug Policy 1986, bulk drugs are required to be manufactured as per the starting stages prescribed for them. Where there are constraints regarding technology etc. to avoid the import of the finished bulk drug, stages are relaxed for specified periods.

(c) Does not arise.

Effect of Withdrawal of Subsidy on Fertilizer and Decontrol of Urea

194. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the withdrawal of subsidy on fertilizer and the decontrol of urea have hit the working of many fertilizer units;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the decontrol of prices has been of any help to the manufacturers; and

(d) the number of worst affected units therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Most of the fertilizers still continue to be subsidized, excepting three low nutrient fertilizers, namely, Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (CAN), Ammonium Chloride (ACL), and Ammonium Sulphate (AS). In addition, Sulphate of Potash (SOP), which is wholly imported and whose consumption is very low, has also decontrolled. There has been no de-control of Urea.

(b) The three fertilizers viz. CAN, ACL and AS have been de-controlled in view of the fact that they were low nutrient fertilizers and the subsidy payable per tonne of nutrients was very high. Besides, all the low nutrient fertilizers contribute 3.5% of the total nitrogenous fertilizer production in the country.

(c) De-control was not intended for helping the manufacturers.

(d) Two units, which are manufacturing one of the three de-controlled low nutrient fertilizers, have reported that they would suffer financially.

Rise in Price of Medicines

195. SHRI. GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of many essential

and widely used Medicines are on relentless rise;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to bring the prices of such drugs under control;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the specific steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that provision of Drug Price Control Order are not violated by the drug units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However in a situation of rising costs of inputs some amount of price increase is unavoidable Medicines based on imported inputs have registered comparatively higher price increase due to exchange rate adjustment.

(c) to (e). The prices of scheduled formulations are fixed under DPCO 1987, in accordance with a formula and fixed norms, which keep the prices of these formulations under adequate check.

(f) As and when any violation of DPCO 1987 is noticed, Government takes appropriate action under the relevant provisions of DPCO 1987.

Investment by NRIs

196. SHRI. ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed any limit for investments by NRIs in establishing industries in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether they will carry all the profits to their place or it will remain in the country; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to keep the money in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (d). Government of India in Ministry of Finance have decided to permit Non-resident Indians and Overseas Corporate Bodies predominantly owned by them to invest upto 100% of the equity in high priority industries and other industries subject to the conditions laid down vide Press Note dated 28th October, 1991.

[*Translation*]

Facilities to Durga Park Colony

197. SHRI. RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:

(a) whether Durga Park Colony on Dabri Najirpur Road, New Delhi-45 is a regularised Colony;

(b) if so, whether all the facilities available in a regularised colony have been provided by Delhi Development Authority to this coiony also;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government to provide all the facilities; and

(d) the details of the steps in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI. M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.